Paris 22 May 1833

Samuel Moore Esquire
Director of the Mint of the US
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir.

The letter you addressed to me under date of the 7 May last
ult, with other letters on the same subject, handed me by Mr Franklin
Peale to whom they were confided. Shortly on time, as you will
doubtless have been informed by Mr Peale, in addressing, in reference
to the Object of his Mission, such communications to the Authorities here
as were calculated to promote those relations that were contemplated on
your part, and which I have since from Mr Peale have stated
to open here a fund of information important to the interests of the Mint.

Mr Peale has confided me confidentially upon other branches of
inquiry confided to him, which I know from him might possibly
be prosecuted with better effect in Russia, and has asked whether
permission could not be obtained for visiting in all its departments the
Mint establishment at St Petersburg. Having an intimate friend
in the person of the Russian Ambassador here, I had great pleasure
in instituting the necessary inquiries on this occasion, and I am happy
to inform you that the same facilities deemed here will be readily
and cordially to be granted in the Russian Capital. The
information I have already imparted to Mr Peale, but have
made known to him at the same time, in case he should
himself not, that he should postpone his departure on account
of the advanced State of the Season, as the Baltic may not
be navigable after the month of October.

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Thus far I bear but the influence of my official agency & a matter of duty, and I need not assure you, my dear Sir, whom I have had the honor of knowing from my early youth, and for whom merits I entertain so just and ardent, that the satisfaction of seconding your views in relation to Mr Peale may not have a little enhanced by the value I have attached to the special recommendations of which he has been the bearer.

I am not certain how long my services as a public functionary may be made available in connexion with the objects of your important researches - but you have in happy guarantee, in default of my official aid, in the security of more efficient support which will be as cheerfully lent to you on the part of my successor, who must soon be on his way to the Capital.

Say you will do me the favor to recall me to my excellent and distinguished friend Doctor Patterson, and in offering me to their cherished contemplations which now united me to your high attainments & fame, I desired both success, & equally ardent, to accept the renewed assurances of my high consideration and regard,

C A Harris.

P.S. Mr Peale has just called and left me the inclosed packet which I have given together with the letter in the special charge of Mr Walsh who returns with the packet to the 24th from Boston and promises me to hand it to you in person.

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